



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference

October 4, 2004

Automobile Insurance Benchmark Hearing

The Board will hold a pre-hearing conference on October 4, 2004 to address procedural issues associated with a public hearing to be held in relation to the setting of its annual benchmark rates and the benchmarking process currently used by the Board in regulating automobile insurance rates in Newfoundland and Labrador. At the public hearing the Board will review its benchmarks in respect of both commercial and private passenger automobile insurance in the province. A benchmark report is currently being prepared by the Board's consulting actuaries and will be available in advance of the public hearing itself. At the public hearing the Board will also consider input from interested parties as to the process used by the Board to establish benchmarks.

The pre-hearing conference will begin at **10:00 am** in the Board's Hearing Room, 120 Torbay Road, Suite 210, Prince Charles Building on **Monday, October 4, 2004**. At the pre-hearing conference the Board will:

- 1) Identify issues which will be addressed at the public hearing;
- 2) Set the date for the start of the public hearing;
- 3) Establish procedures for the exchange of documentation and other evidence;
- 4) Establish the Rules of Procedures for the public hearing; and
- 5) Address any other matter which arises in connection with the hearing.

The Board will publish notice of the start date of the public hearing following the discussions and decisions resulting from the pre-hearing conference.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Any interested person wishing to participate in the pre-hearing conference must notify the Board in writing at the address below no later than Noon, Friday, October 1, 2004. The notification should include:

- i. your name and affiliation, address, email, telephone and fax number; and
- ii. the nature of your intended participation.

HOW TO CONTACT THE BOARD:

All correspondence and requests for further information should be addressed to the Board Secretary at the address set out below:

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Copies of the Board's legislation and regulations are available for viewing on the Board's website at www.pub.nl.ca or at the Board's office.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 22nd day September 2004.

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary